

Memorandum

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook
Kenneth Hahn State Park

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH # 2003111098

Contact Person: Ron Saenz Phone Number: (619) 220-5300

Project Location: Kenneth Hahn State Park

Project Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to develop the 58-acre Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook for use as a recreational area, as well as a natural resource educational/interpretive park for visitors and local schools. The project has four primary elements: develop public access to the property; provide approximately 110 parking spaces for visitors; construct a 10,300-square-foot visitor center; and provide protection and interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of the park and the adjacent Ballona Creek. The project would restore the site's natural ridgelines and topography that were previously graded and would emphasize restoration of native coastal sage scrub habitat. Several public meetings and workshops have been held to solicit public input on the design of the proposed visitor center and site features.

The project area falls well below the nationally recommended standard of 6 to 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 people. The proposed project would provide much needed recreational and educational open space for residents who live in this highly under-served area. The scenic overlook would also provide public access to some of the most magnificent views in the metropolitan Los Angeles area.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has reviewed the final EIR, and certifies that it has been prepared in conformance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and in approving the project, has made the following determinations regarding the project:

- 1 The project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.
 The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2 A Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
 A Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and has been presented to the decision-making body of this Department for its independent review and consideration of the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approval of the project.
- 3 Mitigation measures were were not made conditions of project approval.

4 A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.

5 Findings were were not made on environmental effects of the project.

The EIR and record of project approval may be examined at:

Southern Service Center of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, 8885 Rio San Diego Drive Suite 270 San Diego, CA 92108 during business hours. Copies are also available for review at the California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters (1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302); and the Park Ranger Station at the entrance of the park on Hetzler Road.

Dr. Mark Schrader, Deputy Director
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April 19, 2004
Date